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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers initiating flood releases from the federal lakes

KANSAS CITY, Mo. –During times of heavy rainfall, runoff waters are stored in Corps Lakes to help prevent flooding downstream. Lakes within the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers, have stored considerable amounts of water during the past week due to the recent rain events.

Storing water within the flood pool zone of the lakes helps reduce some downstream stages and minimizes the amount of flooding. The district will be initiating flood releases from the federal lakes as downstream conditions allow. “The flood pools need to be evacuated as soon as possible, after flooding conditions have lessened, to prepare for another potential rain event,” Edward Parker, Corps Hydraulic Engineer said.

The current lake elevations and releases may be found at:

http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/water_reports/lakepool.fct

“The website is updated each day, normally before noon. The website also contains the District's best estimate for releases during the next three days. These estimates are subject to change as forecasted downstream conditions become more certain,” said Parker.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to update the affected regions on the response as information comes in. The EOC will be operating 24 hours until the determination has been made that it is no longer necessary. For current information call (816) 426-6320 or (816) 389-2427.

For more information from the Corps regarding the management of the storm runoff, visit the district Flood 2007 web page at www.nwk.usace.army.mil, click on “Flood 2007 Information.”

Additional online links to water levels can be found at www.crh.noaa.gov. Click on the link titled “Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service.”

For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. www.nwk.usace.army.mil

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